

Passionate About Italy

Lazio 2005

A Cultural Legacy.

The program will consider the historical and cultural background of the Lazio region as well as the life and achievements of significant Italians.

ITALIAN HISTORY

Shadows and Puzzles
Etruria and the Etruscans

Open City?
The Battle for Rome, 1944

ITALIAN LITERATURE

Virgil and the Pastoral Arcadia
Focus on "The Eclogues"

Mythical Transformations
Selections from Ovid's Metamorphosis

The Plight of the *Cafoni*
Peasant life between the Wars - Ignazio Silone & Carlo Levi

ITALIAN ART & ARCHITECTURE

Monsters and Water Tricks
Villas and Gardens of the 16th. Century

Cathedrals, Churches and Abbeys
Romanesque architecture in Italy

The Artist as Rebel
Caravaggio in Rome

ITALIAN CINEMA

Roberto Rossellini and Neo-Realism
Focus on "Paisan" and "Rome, Open City"

Humour Italian style
The ironic comedies of Pietro Germi

Histories and Landscapes
The Taviani brothers and Francesco Rosi

ITALIAN MUSIC

**“Like a poem, like a dream, like fragrant perfume”
*The music of Luigi Boccherini***

**The voice of a people
*Giuseppe Verdi and the Risorgimento***

Other activities....

THE MUSIC OF ITALY

Entertainment and education combined! The following *genres* can be explored:

**The folk tradition
Instrumental music
Keyboard music
Secular vocal music
Sacred music
Opera**

THE SALLEGROTTE BOOKCLUB - RECOMMENDED READING

Books for discussion by Italian authors and on Italian themes could be selected from the following list. A copy of these books and others will be available at Sallegrotte—but some preliminary reading is recommended

**Etruscan Places - *D.H.Lawrence*
Christ stopped at Eboli - *Carlo Levi*
Bread and Wine - *Ignazio Silone*
Fontamara - *Ignazio Silone*
Miss Garnet's Angel - *Sally Vickers*
Metamorphoses - *Ovid*
Miracle at St.Anna - *James McBride*
Prince of the Clouds - *Gianni Riotta*
Love and War in the Appenines - *Eric Newby*
War in the Val d'Orcia - *Iris Origo***

You may wish to add other books on Italian themes to the list and co-ordinate your pre tour reading with other members of the group.

Suggestions welcome!